Outline Verse  1:19

---the things you have seen
---the things which are
---the things which will take place after this

Outline

I.  Introduction  (the things you have seen)---Chapter 1

II.  Exhortation to the Seven Churches
    (the things which are)---Chapters 2 and 3

III. Heavenly Visions  (the things which will take place after this)---Chapters 4:1-22:5

IV.  Final Exhortations  ---Chapter 22:6-20

V.  Closing Blessing  ---Chapter 22:21
Interpreting Revelation—Four Main Approaches

**Preterist**----description of events in the Roman Empire in the First Century AD. (Cf. A.D. 70)

**Historicist**---panorama of church history from the apostolic era until the consummation of history

**Idealist**---Timeless symbolic depiction of the cosmic spiritual struggle between the forces of good and evil

**Futurist**---Actual future events which will accompany the end of the age

(Predictive prophecy)

--Great Tribulation
--Bodily return of Christ
--Millennium
--Final Judgment
--Eternal State
“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

“Revelation”—disclosure, unveiling
  “of”—from
  about
  possessed by

The Chain of Revelation

God the Father

Jesus Christ His Son

Revealing Angel

Apostle John
  Who bore witness to:
    --the Word of God
    --the testimony of Jesus Christ

Christ's Servants:
  (Seven Churches)
  (All true Christians)
Revelation---Introductory Blessing 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Other Beatitudes in Revelation:

14:13 --those who die in the Lord
16:15 --those who are watching for the Lord's return
19:9 --those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb
20:6 --those who share in the first resurrection
20:7 --those who obey the words of the prophecy of this book
22:14 --those who do His commandments
    (--those who wash their robes)
REVELATION ONE

“The things which you have seen”

A. Introduction and Benediction 1:1-3

B. Greeting and Praise 1:4-8

C. Vision of Christ the Judge 1:9-20
Christ the Judge

Chapter 1  --Character of the Judge

Chapters 2-3  --Judge in the midst of the churches

Chapters 4-19  --Judge in the midst of Israel and the nations

Chapter 20  --Two resurrections and Judgment at the Great White Throne